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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4424

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4424 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27-6 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-6)

7 Sec. 27-6. Courses in physical education required; special
8 activities.

9 (a) Pupils enrolled in the public schools and State
10 universities engaged in preparing teachers shall be required to
11 engage daily during the school day, except on block scheduled
12 days for those public schools engaged in block scheduling, in
13 courses of physical education for such periods as are
14 compatible with the optimum growth and developmental needs of
15 individuals at the various age levels except when appropriate
16 excuses are submitted to the school by a pupil's parent or

1 guardian or by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act
2 of 1987 and except as provided in subsection (b) of this
3 Section.

4 Special activities in physical education shall be provided
5 for pupils whose physical or emotional condition, as determined
6 by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987,
7 prevents their participation in the courses provided for normal
8 children.

9 (b) A school board is authorized to excuse pupils enrolled
10 in grades 11 and 12 from engaging in physical education courses
11 if those pupils request to be excused for any of the following
12 reasons: (1) for ongoing participation in an interscholastic
13 athletic program; (2) to enroll in academic classes which are
14 required for admission to an institution of higher learning,
15 provided that failure to take such classes will result in the
16 pupil being denied admission to the institution of his or her
17 choice; or (3) to enroll in academic classes which are required
18 for graduation from high school, provided that failure to take
19 such classes will result in the pupil being unable to graduate.
20 A school board may excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12 from
21 engaging in physical education courses if those pupils request
22 to be excused and are enrolled in 2 or more Advanced Placement
23 (AP) courses. A school board may excuse pupils in grades 9
24 through 12 from engaging in physical education courses if those
25 pupils request to be excused and are enrolled in a dual credit
26 course with an institution of higher learning. A school board

1 may excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12 from engaging in
2 physical education courses if those pupils request to be
3 excused in accordance with a Response to Intervention (RTI). A
4 school board may also excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12
5 enrolled in a marching band program for credit from engaging in
6 physical education courses if those pupils request to be
7 excused for ongoing participation in such marching band
8 program. In addition, a pupil in any of grades 3 through 12 who
9 is eligible for special education may be excused if the pupil's
10 parent or guardian agrees that the pupil must utilize the time
11 set aside for physical education to receive special education
12 support and services or, if there is no agreement, the
13 individualized education program team for the pupil determines
14 that the pupil must utilize the time set aside for physical
15 education to receive special education support and services,
16 which agreement or determination must be made a part of the
17 individualized education program. However, a pupil requiring
18 adapted physical education must receive that service in
19 accordance with the individualized education program developed
20 for the pupil. If requested, a school board is authorized to
21 excuse a pupil from engaging in a physical education course if
22 the pupil has an individualized educational program under
23 Article 14 of this Code, is participating in an adaptive
24 athletic program outside of the school setting, and documents
25 such participation as determined by the school board. A school
26 board may also excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12 enrolled in

1 a Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) program sponsored by
2 the school district from engaging in physical education
3 courses. School boards which choose to exercise this authority
4 shall establish a policy to excuse pupils on an individual
5 basis.

6 (c) The provisions of this Section are subject to the
7 provisions of Section 27-22.05.

8 (Source: P.A. 98-116, eff. 7-29-13.)".